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Dear Miss Stokes:

RE: U.S. Continuation in Part Application 09/905,179
Based on PCT CA99/00678
STALEY, Douglas A. et al.

I refer to our letters of January 22 and July 9, 2001, and to your telephone conversation of July 9 with Linda Hickling of our office, discussing the missing filing records of this application.

At that time you indicated that if we forwarded to you copies of documentation showing that this application was received by the U.S. Patent Office on January 23, 2001, the application would be assigned a serial number, its correct filing date of January 23/01, and you would forward to us the Notice of Missing Parts, as this application was originally filed without fees or forms.

We sent all of the required documentation to you by courier on July 9 and have a receipt card acknowledging that this material was received at the USPTO. To date we have not received a Filing Receipt nor a Notice of Missing Parts, but we note that the receipt card bears a serial number and the date "07/11/01". We trust that this date simply represents the date that our second submission was received and does not reflect the filing date assigned to this application.

In the absence of a Notice of Missing Parts and a Filing Receipt, we are very anxious to receive some confirmation that this application is in good order, bearing its correct filing date of Jan. 23/01, and to receive the Notice of Missing Parts, upon receipt of which we will forward an executed Declaration and the required fees.

Your early attention and reply would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

AIKINS, MACAULAY & THORVALDSON

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THE PATENT OFFICE HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES
RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING:

Dated: July 9, 2001

Forwarding copy of previously forwarded application:
cover letter - FedEx waybill & proof of delivery - Request
for Filing Cont. Appln. - app'n. pgs. 1-33, claims 1-24,
Figs. 1-14

System and Method for Spacecraft Attitude Control

Applicant: Douglas A. Staley et al. (Bristol)

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Dear Miss Stokes:

RE: U.S. Continuation in Part of PCT CA99/00678
STALEY, Douglas A. et al.

I refer to your telephone conversation today with Linda Hickling of our office, discussing the absence of any record of the prior filing of this application. As you requested, attached are copies of the following:

- > FedEx waybill 8223 0573 6224 dated January 23, 01
- > FedEx proof of delivery on January 23, 2001, bearing the signature of M. Asfan
- > our cover letter dated January 22, 2001 - we note a typographical error referring to 37 CFR 1.53(d) while the attached Request for Filing clearly refers to 1.53(b)
- > Request for Filing a Continuation or Division of an International Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)
- > application including disclosure pages 1-33, claims 1-24, drawings (Figures 1-14)

As discussed, we look forward to early receipt of your confirmation that this application has been granted a filing date of January 23, 2001, and to receipt of The Notice of Missing Parts, at which time an appropriate signed Declaration and the filing fee will be filed.

Yours very truly,

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